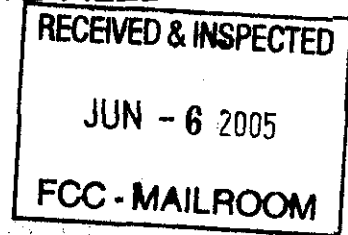


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Dear Sirs:

I am sending all three of you a copy of an email that I sent to Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, dated May 10, 2005, regarding "**cell phones on airplanes**". I would like all of you to read it and take my thoughts and opinions into **serious consideration**. The use of cell phones and common courtesy of people, in general, has gotten out of hand and has gotten to the point of severe **rudeness**.

I think open useage of cell phones on airplanes with a full or half full plane would be too much to bear and make one's ride very unpleasant, loud, and far from relaxing or enjoying! (worse now than many years ago when traveling was better and more enjoyable!)

Thank you gentlemen for your time and consideration in this matter which I think is a big mistake and an insult to the passengers.

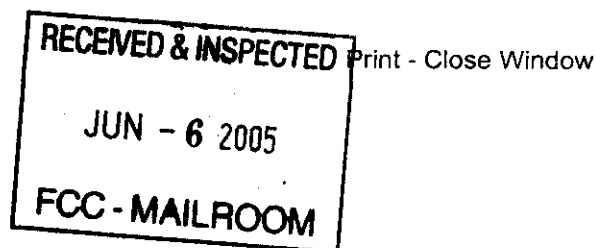
Sincerely,

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Date: Tue, 10 May 2005 14:58:49 -0700 (PDT)
From: "Helene Lieber" <bboop91250@yahoo.com>
Subject: Cell phones on airplanes
To: KathleenAbernathy@fcc.gov



Hi Kathleen:

I read that the FCC is taking feedback about the "**cell phones on airplanes**" debate so I am emailing you my "feedback and opinion" on the subject. I am dead set **against** cell phone conversations on airplanes. Has this society become so neurotic that we can't even sit on an airplane without a cell phone plastered to one's ear?? Have people forgotten how to relax and just do nothing for a few hours??? **Everywhere** I go I see people on cell phones walking, talking, driving, eating and whatever else they do with their cell phones plastered to their ears, in their own little world of gab, not paying attention to what is going on around them. Which creates **numerous** accidents and hazards. It has become very scary out there!

I have seen so many car and walking accidents, including a few near-misses that I was almost involved in because of some jerk gabbing away and not paying attention to the ROAD! The complaints go on and on. Many people on their cell phones are pre-occupied, rude and LOUD!

They **don't** belong on airplanes (unless used for emergencies only...or the phones that are on the plane). There are **many** people who like to *relax, read, listen to the music* with earphones and *like it quite*. (**especially on the late night flights!**) People talking on cell phones talk **loud** to begin with but will have to talk **even louder** on the plane to overcome the plane's engine noise. On one night flight home from the West Coast (4 hr. flight), I had to listen to a little kid cry, scream and gurgle to the point of almost throwing up, from the time the plane took off to the time the plane landed. The kid's parents did nothing!! I wanted to lock the whole family in the bathroom until we landed!

Another time I was in a restaurant trying to have a nice, quiet, peaceful dinner and talk to the person I was with when another cell phone user jerk was at the next table talking so **loud** that both myself and my dinner partner turned around and told him to **shut-up!** The hostess told him to go outside and talk so he would not disturb the customers who did not want to hear his loud, rude, conversation. That is exactly what will happen if cell phone conversations are allowed on airplanes! The rude, loud jerks will abuse the talk time and make everyone's flight more unpleasant than they already are. (the planes, the seats and the aisles are not very "passenger friendly" these days) I have gotten to the point where I don't even enjoy flying anymore. I take another form of transportation whenever I can.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, talk to everyone involved in this terrible, **not** so great idea and **all** the people in your office at the FCC who have the power to pass/override some bad rules.... **NO CELL PHONE CONVERSATIONS ON AIRPLANES!**

I would appreciate any feedback from you on this disturbing issue, so please feel free to email me back. Thank you,
Sincerely,
Helene Lieber

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